

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to August 24, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11, 13-14, 17-26, 30-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 October 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Harden Stevens, Reg. No. 55,649 on January 14, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 39-41 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 17, 20, 26, 30 and 36.

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
 - an interface to receive a request from a client system for information in a database system; and
 - a controller to format metadata associated with the requested information into a format for display in the client system, wherein said controller is adapted to map plural data types defined by the database system to corresponding files types to enable presentation

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in the client system of an object having an associated data type retrieved from the database system,

- wherein said controller is adapted to further to map plural data types to the corresponding files types based on a table having multiple entries each associating a data type defined by the database system with a file extension corresponding to a respective file type, and
- wherein the controller is adapted to create a file name for the object, the file name containing the file extension mapped for the data type of the object, and to send a file having the file name to the client system, the file containing the object.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing an object relation database, comprising:

- loading an applet over a network from a server;
- executing the applet to present an interactive interface in a browser display screen to receive user queries and to send requests for information from the object relational database in response to the user queries;
- receiving metadata relating to requested information from the object relational database;
- displaying at least a portion of the metadata as a hyperlink;
- in response to selection of the hyperlink, sending a request for an object in the object relational database, the object containing information associated with the selected metadata portion;
- associating the object with one of plural presentation routines to present the information in the object;

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- mapping plural data types stored in the object relational database to corresponding plural file types; and
- identifying a file type of the object based on the mapping, [[.]] wherein mapping the plural data types to corresponding plural file types comprises mapping, based on a mapping table, the plural data types defined by object relational database to the corresponding file types, wherein the mapping table has entries mapping a data type to a corresponding file extension with a respective file type.

20. (Currently Amended) An article comprising at least one storage medium containing instructions that when executed cause a first system to:

- receive a request from a client system for data in a database;
- retrieve the data from the database type; and
- determine a data type of the retrieved data and map the data type to a file type presentable by the client system type, wherein mapping the data type to the file type comprises accessing a table having multiple entries to map plural data types associated with data stored in the database with corresponding plural file types presentable by the client system, each entry of the table associating a data type defined by the database with a file extension corresponding to a respective file type, and [[.]]
- wherein the instructions when executed cause the first system to further create a file name for the retrieved data, the file name containing the file extension mapped for the data type of the retrieved data, and to further send a file having the file name to the client system, the file containing the retrieved data.

26. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

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- one or more storage devices containing an applet and a document;
- an interface to a network; and
- a controller to communicate the document to a client device, the document containing data defining a page displayable in a browser screen, and the applet containing instructions that when executed provide an interactive portion of the browser screen to enable user entry of Structured Query Language (SQL) queries, wherein said the applet responsive to SQL queries entered in the interactive portion of the browser screen by sending corresponding requests for accessing data in a database system; and [[.]
- wherein the controller is adapted to create a file name for the object, the file name containing the file extension mapped for the data type of the object, and to send a file having the file name to the client system, the file containing the object.

30. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

- an interface to receive a request from a client system for information in a database system; and
- a controller to format metadata associated with the requested information into a format for display in the client system; wherein said controller is adapted ~~further~~ to map plural data types in the database system to corresponding files types to enable presentation in the client system of an object having an associated data type retrieved from the database; and
- wherein the controller is adapted to communicate the requested information and executable code associated with the requested information to the client system, the executable code for presenting the requested information in the client system, and

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- wherein the controller is adapted to create a file name for the object, the file name containing the file extension mapped for the data type of the object, and to send a file having the file name to the client system, the file containing the object.

36. (Currently Amended) An article comprising at least one storage medium containing instructions that when executed cause a first system to:

- receive a request from a client system for data in a database;
- retrieve the data from the database; and
- determine a data type of the retrieved data and map the data type to a file type presentable by the client system type;
- wherein mapping the data type to the file type comprises accessing a table having multiple entries to map ~~data structure that maps~~ plural data types associated with data stored in the database with corresponding plural file types presentable by the client system[[.]] ;
- wherein the instructions when executed cause the first system to communicate executable code stored in the database and associated with the retrieved data to the client system, the executable code for presenting the retrieved data in the client system[[.]] , and
- wherein the instructions when executed cause the first system to further create a file name for the retrieved data, the file name containing the file extension mapped for the data type of the retrieved data, and to further send a file having the file name to the client system, the file containing the retrieved data.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1-11, 13-14, 17-26, 30-32 and 34-36 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior teaches wherein the controller is adapted to create a file name for the object, the file name containing the file extension mapped for the data type of the object, and to send a file having the file name to the client system, the file containing the object.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LaShonda T Jacobs whose telephone number is 571-272-4004. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M..


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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